

Coming Back From The Dead

Introduction

On Easter we celebrate the fact Jesus came back from the dead.
That is a fact of history.
The question is are you and I alive today?

Text:

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Believest thou this?

1. The Life Of God - "I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life:

A. The life of God is an abundant life

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

B. The life of God is a life filled with love and joy

John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

C. The life of God is a life that never ends

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

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2. Death Stands In Our Way - "Though he were dead, "

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead,

A. Without Christ we are dead in sin

Ephesians 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

B. Without Christ the devil is dead and so we are dead

2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

C. Without Christ our conscience is faulty

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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3. The Plan Of Faith - "He that believeth in me."

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A. We must believe in Jesus and his resurrection – The Word, Believe in the heart and confess with the mouth

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

B. We must have a living faith where our actions correspond

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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4. Jesus Conquered Death For Us All And Thereby Assures Our Salvation

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A. Jesus conquered death

Revelation 1:18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

B. Jesus died for us

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

C. Jesus destroyed the power of death over our lives

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

D. Our guarantee is “surely as Jesus lives we shall live also”

John 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Conclusion

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